

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the reply filed on 6/29/2009.
2. In the reply, the applicant amended claim 21 with the subject matter of claim 29 which was previously indicated as allowable and cancelled claim 29. Claim 27 was previously indicated as allowable and was rewritten into independent form.
3. The double patenting rejection to copending Application No. 10/184081 is thereby obviated.
4. Thus, claims 21-28, 30-32 are pending for examination.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

5. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

On page 1, immediately following the title, please insert the following sentence:

This is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Serial Number 09/893,514 filed June 29, 2001, now abandoned, and a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Serial Number 10/026,819, filed on December 27, 2001, now U.S. Pat. No. 7,311,698, and a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Serial Number 10/184,081, filed on June 28, 2002, in which applications are hereby incorporated by reference.

6. Claims 21-28, 30-32 are allowed.
7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
8. The subject matter of the independent claim could either not be found or was not suggested in the prior art of record. The prior art does not disclose or render obvious the combination as claimed specifically including a urinary catheter kit comprising a distal catheter section having an outlet at a distal end and a fastening mechanism disposed proximate to a proximal end, the fastening mechanism including a rib disposed around a circumference of the distal catheter section, and a tubular member having an attachment mechanism disposed at a distal end that releasably and sealingly engages the fastening mechanism to enclosing a lubricated proximal catheter section that is fixedly attached to the proximal end of the distal end of the distal catheter section in combination with the other elements of the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDREW M. GILBERT whose telephone number is (571)272-7216. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Sirmons can be reached on (571)272-4965. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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